

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2017
COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2017/2018
REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR
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(The decisions on this matter will be resolutions)

1. PURPOSE

To provide the Committee with an update on the Work Programme for 2017/2018.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee notes the progress with regard to the Work Programme for 2017/2018.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1. At its last meeting the Committee gave consideration to the development of its Work Programme for the year 2017/2018 having regard to the changes to the approach to scrutiny work adopted by Council on 22 October 2008.

3.2. Attached at Appendix A is the approved Work Programme for 2017/2018 incorporating items rolled forward from last year, taking account of the discussions at the last meeting and providing an update on progress in relation to each item.

3.3. In addition to the items contained in the Work Programme there will still be the opportunity to bring forward one-off reports and papers on particular issues of interest to the Committee but it will also be necessary to maintain a general overview of the ways in which external agencies are responding to community concerns. The inclusion of a standing agenda item for Members' questions also provides the opportunity to raise relevant issues.

3.4. The Committee is invited to consider progress in respect of the agreed Work Programme for 2017/2018 which is attached as an Appendix to this report.

4. ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS

In accordance with the Constitution of the Council, Committee has the power to investigate any matters it considers relevant to its work area, and to make recommendations to the Council, the Executive or any other Committee or Sub-Committee of the Council as it sees fit.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

6. REASONS

To enable the Committee to review its Work Programme.

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Background Papers

None

	Work Area	Comments	Meeting / Anticipated Completion Date	Originator
1	RAF Brize Norton	Meetings of the Liaison Group are on-going.	On-going for periodic updates	E & S
2	Oxfordshire Health Care Transformation Programme	<p>At its meeting held on 12 March the Committee gave consideration to the Council's response to the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group in relation to Phase One of its consultation on the Oxfordshire Healthcare Transformation Programme.</p> <p>Consultation on Phase Two of the Transformation Programme has been postponed until later in the year.</p> <p>Officers are meeting with the CCG Transformation Programme lead on 15 September to receive a briefing about the second consultation stage which is due to begin shortly.</p>	On-going as required	E & S
3	Police, Community Safety and CDRP	The Committee receives an annual update from the Local Police Area Commander regarding policing priorities for the area.	Superintendent Mark Johns attended the July meeting	Council
4	Elements of the Local Development Framework (LDF) as appropriate	<p>The approval of the Local Plan is a statutory process.</p> <p>Stage 3 of the Examination hearings took place in July.</p> <p>The Local Plan Inspector wrote to the Council on 25 July seeking further clarification and information with regard to matters that had been raised. The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing provided an initial response.</p>	On-going as required	E & S

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		Further information regarding Environmental Impact and impact upon the AONB, which was being produced by external consultants, would be available by mid-October.		
5	Welfare Reform Act – Meeting with Registered Social Landlords	In 2016 the Committee requested a report on the operation of the choice based lettings system (Digital Nominations Scheme) and housing support arrangements. This will be provided in association with the meeting with registered social landlords in September 2017	A report appears on this agenda as item No. 9	E & S
7	Review of Member Structures and Democratic Costs	The Council invited the Overview and Scrutiny Committees to give consideration to, and make recommendations upon, the options for amending the Council's Committee structure and the question of the electoral cycle and the number of members of the Council.	A report was considered at the July meeting. The observations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees will be considered by Council in October	Council
8	Planning Enforcement System	At the last meeting the Strategic Director undertook to provide a briefing paper on the planning enforcement system at a future meeting.	A report appears on this agenda as item No. 10	E & S
9	Leisure Management Contract Working Party	In 2016 the Committee established a Working Party to give consideration to the procurement of the leisure management contract and delivery of the current service. Having met on three occasions, Members were content that appropriate steps were being taken to ensure that the new contract would deliver a high quality service and agreed that no further meetings would be held until the new contract was in place.	On-going	E & S

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		At the last scheduled meeting it was noted that arrangements would be made for the Working Party to meet once the new contract arrangements had bedded in.		
10	Deer Park Medical Centre	<p>In October 2016 the Committee established a Working Party to explore options by which primary care provision might be retained at Deer Park.</p> <p>The Working Party met on two occasions and further meetings were postponed pending consideration by the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>The Joint HOSC confirmed that it considered the closure to represent a substantial change in the level of service provision and referred the matter to the Secretary of State for determination.</p> <p>In response to the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's referral to the Secretary of State of the Clinical Commissioning Group's decision not to re-procure services at the Deer Park Medical Centre, the Independent Reconfiguration Panel had expressed concern over the manner in which this issue had been dealt with.</p>	On-going	